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1. The Associate Administrator introduced the two reports submitted under this item: the report of the Administrator on technical cooperation among developing countries (DP/1995/36), which summarized activities during 1993-1994, and the report of the Ninth Session of the High-Level Committee on the Review of TCDC (New York, 30 May-2 June 1995) (DP/1995/L.5). The first document contained information on the new strategic direction undertaken by the Special Unit on TCDC and activities funded under Special Programme Resources, which had recently been the subject of an in-depth evaluation by outside consultants. The Associate Administrator then summarized the decisions adopted by the High-Level Committee, highlighting the review of the proposals on new directions for TCDC prepared by the Special Unit and the subsequent recommendations endorsed by the High-Level Committee.

2. The Rapporteur of the High-Level Committee read out the amendments to DP/1995/L.5 received following publication of the report. One delegation suggested additional amendments. The Rapporteur informed the Executive Board that the final report would be issued as a supplemental document to the fiftieth session of the General Assembly and thanked the Secretariat for its assistance during the High-Level Committee meeting.

3. The representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, expressed strong support for the report of the High-Level Committee, cited the recent endorsement of TCDC modalities at international conferences as a boost to development efforts, and introduced amendments to the draft decision distributed to the Executive Board. Donors were thanked for their support. One delegation asked for information on the links between TCDC and national technical cooperation. Several speakers welcomed the more strategic approach of UNDP in TCDC and the practical proposals endorsed by the High-Level Committee. Two delegations expressed reservations about the proposed amendments to the draft decision and suggested that further consultations be held.